

Professional Homeland Security Certificate Program

The Certificate for Homeland Security Professionals is a unique opportunity for individuals in the field to pursue their personal and professional academic goals. This 4-course, 20-hour certificate is currently the only one of its kind in the nation. It was developed in partnership with the Naval Post Graduate School and the National Guard Bureau to provide a graduate level educational opportunity while improving scholarship, strategic thinking, and professional networking through a year-long program of study. This program provides students the opportunity to examine the overall concepts of terrorism, all-hazards disasters, and current local, state, national, and private sector efforts in homeland security organization and planning. The CAPSTONE for the program is a practicum in which students apply their coursework to address a current issue of interest to their organization, discipline or the general field of homeland security. Each course meets all day on four Saturdays each quarter. Course readings and discussions are available online between classroom sessions. The combination of classroom and online discussion enable professionals in this field to develop personal, professional and organizational. This program is available to HLS professionals at a significant public good tuition discount. Students admitted to the Masters of Homeland Security Program may apply the 20 credits earned in the certificate program.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

The following four courses are required:

1. INTS 4795: The Foundations of Homeland Defense and Security

Block 1 - Fundamentals of Terrorism and All-Hazards
Block 2 - Homeland Defense/ Security Policies
Block 3 -Homeland Defense/Security Actors and Organizations
Block 4 - Legal and Jurisdictional Issues

2: INTS 4796: Collaborating to Integrate Homeland Defense and Security

Block 1 – Civil-Military Relations
Block 2 – Interagency Operations
Block 3 – Intelligence Fusion
Block 4 – Local, State and National Exercises

I-700 National Incident Management System (Department of Homeland Security on-line course)

3. INTS 4797: Strategic Planning and Organizational Imperatives in Homeland Defense and Security

Block 1 – Joint Planning
Block 2 – Critical Infrastructure Protection
Block 3 – Technology and Homeland Security
Block 4 – Border Operations

I-800b National Response Plan (Department of Homeland Security on-line course)

4. INTS 4798: Homeland Security and Defense in Practice-Capstone

Block 1 – NRP and NIMS in Application
Block 2 – Local, State and Federal Interoperability
Block 3 – Special Topics
Block 4 – Capstone Issue Paper/Project

DEGREE DIRECTORS

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For additional information about faculty, please see: <http://www.du.edu/gsis/faculty/index.html>.

ADMISSIONS

While applications may be submitted at any time, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by July 15th for the fall quarter. Applications received after July 15th will be considered as space permits. New cohorts begin each fall term. Additional cohorts may be established as needed.

For additional information or to apply, visit <http://www.du.edu/gsis/admissions/index.html> or call Josef Korbel School of International Studies Office of Graduate Admissions at (303) 871-2544, or email to korbeladm@du.edu

ORGANIZATION OPTIONS

Homeland Security agencies/organizations interested in hosting this program should contact the program director.

FINANCIAL AID

The University of Denver offers this program at a substantial public good tuition discount, making the effective cost \$1320 for each course (\$5280 per certificate).

Prospective students should contact their employer for information on possible tuition assistance.